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The Medical Office provides medical support patterned to the special requirements of the Agency mission. At Headquarters the Medical Staff conducts thorough examinations to assure the physical and emotional suitability of employees for the many varieties and locations of assignments over the world. Since the demands of these positions are frequently unique within the Government, the standards and evaluations used by our doctors must be individualized. Every effort is made to qualify employees appropriately so that maximum utilization of manpower will be effected without sacrificing the best interests of the employee or the Agency.

A preventive medicine program is maintained for the purpose of enabling employees to remain on the job through improved health measures, as well as for the emergency treatment of illnesses and injuries incurred on duty. It should be emphasized that a large proportion of patients are referred to private physicians, since the Agency is not authorized to sponsor treatment except for conditions developed in line of duty.

Medical support is also extended to field stations, several of which are staffed by Agency doctors and technicians. In conjunction



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